A Story of Patriarchal Times.

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voice began to tremble as he spake to her again, and said, full tenderly:

'Didst thou not know, Namarah, when I told thee I would send thee a message by thy bird, but that I lacked the courage, that that message was my love for thee? As God beholds me, maiden, my heart hath even been knit to thine since first my eyes fell on thee; and if thou love me not, my life is all over for me."

Still was silent the maiden Namarah, so that Adina's heart grew cold with fear within him, and his voice brake as he snake once more:

"I go forth to battle, O malden, to fight against the enemies of the Lord and to shield thy father. It may be that death awaits me, and if thou hast in thy heart aught of tenderness toward me, I pray thee speak, or let me go to death and silence and forgetful-

Then did Namarah turn to him, a sudden trembling passing over her whole body, and dropping her hands from before her face, she stretched them out toward him. Whereat Adina fell upon his knees and bowed his head, thinking it was her to bestow her blessing upon him in token of eternal farewell. But with a swift and silent motion, Namarah was at his side, and before he could lift his banded head, her soft arms clung around

"Maiden," he muttered in a voice deep with passion, while he reached upward his strong arms, and held her in a close and gentle clasp, though he rose not from his lowly posture, "tell me, I pray thee, what thou meanest. Is it for pity thou dost clasp me? If

But Namarah bent her head above him, and made answer:

"No, not pity-love," Then did he spring to his feet, and stand erect in all the comely beauty of his goodly youth, and drawing her close against his breast, he bent his head and kissed her. It was to Namarah the first time she had ever felt her heart respond to any sign of love, and Adina's heart was even as virgin as her own. It was this in the heart of each that made that moment's rapture. It was a long, long time that neither spake. Their arms were folded close about each other, and once and again their lips mets and clung to those sweet and sacred kisses which are the precious fruit of purity of life.

Then spake the young man Adina: "Wilt thou have me tell thy father, Namarah, that we may have his blessing on our betrothal?-for I think he it was a dove-a snow-white carrier- rah mid: not turn him from me hath but lately told me that he oweth unto me his life."

But Namarah answered:

"Nay, I would have him go forth to the fight, as hath been his wont of yore, believing himself my only object of care and love and prayer. He hath told me that he wills that I shall marry, and when thou comest back with him victorious, then will I tell him all, and ask his blessing. But, ah, Adina, my most loved one, my new-found joy and hope, how if the enemies of the Lord should slay thee, that thou returnest to me no more!"

And at these words she fell to weeping, and sobbed upon his breast. But Adina comforted her strongly, and bade her pray to God with faith, telling her he felt within himself that God would prosper the army of her father Jephthah, and bring them back victorious.

Then will I claim thee for my bride, Namarah, thou fairest of women and maidens, and joy will be ours as long as life shall last."

Namarah clasped him closer yet, and turned her face upward to receive his kiss; and behold, as his lips rested upon hers, they heard the doves near by cooing and calling.

Thou shalt give me one of thy birds, Namarah," Adina said: "and I will make for it a little cage, and carry it with me; and when the enemies of the Lord shall have been vanquished, then will I send thee the tidings on the wings of thy bird."

And the idea pleased Namarah, and side by side they went together to where the doves slept, and Namarah opened the door and called them to her with the little call they knew so well; and, although the time was late and strange, they circled round her head, and one of them settled on her shoulder. Namarah took it gently in her hand, and ere she gave it over to Adina, she kissed the crest of its snow-white head.

"Come back to me in peace and tripmph," she said.

And then, when Adina had taken the dove from her, she realized that the moment of parting was come, and, with a great wave of love and tenderness and longing sweeping over her, she gave herself into her lover's arms to receive his last embrace.

Solemn and sweet and silent it was, there in the holy moonlight; and when at last she raised her head to speak,

there were brave words on her lips. "Thou knowest the meaning of our he hath even given me his blessing, ing gloves.

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> too. "Yea, I know it," he answered; then kissed he her once more, and murmuring the word "Mizpeh!" between his half-parted lips, he turned and left

CHAPTER V.

It was many a weary day that Namarah waited for tidings which came It was her habit to sit at work with her maidens upon the roof, or else high up in the top chamber of the house, and always she would place herself near to the window which looked toward the field of battle, and none knew why it was that she strained her eyes so wistfully into the air, as if she looked for and expected some token in the heavens. Often her work would fall from her fingers, and she would rest a long time idle, with no sound escaping her, except the deep-drawn sighs which none knew how to interpret. The maidens that were her companions looked on at this and marveled. They knew that Namarah was ever a loving and solicitous daughter, but if was not uncommon for her father to be away and in danger, and this was something more than her usual concern for him. She had lost heart in her work, also, and cared no longer for the amusements and pastimes with which it had formerly been her wont to occupy herself. But, in spite of this, her interest was more tender than ever before In those who were sick or in trouble, and she spent much time in prayer.

Her chief amusement and diversion during this time were her doves, and sometimes, after feeding them she would place herself on the garden seat and let them climb and flutter all about her, and take their food from her mouth and fingers, and even from the meshes of her hair. She had told to no one the secret of her heart, and these silent witnesses of her meetings with Adina seemed now the nearest thing to him that there remained to her.

At length, one morning, when Namarah had grown paler than was her wont, with long waiting and watching, she stood at the casement of her chamber, and her listless gaze that had been long fixed wearily upon the distant scene, became in a moment alert and animated. Far up in the blue she had seen a flying bird, and at that sight her heart within her always trembled. Perhaps it was a skylark, or even one and angely one of her or was none like them in that region. She had never known one of hers to fly bing of her heart grew violent, as she flew into the pigeon house.

With limbs that shook with hope and fear, Namarah stole softly through the silent halls and chambers, down the garden path and into the place where all her birds were together. They were cooing and muttering and gabbling as if something out of the common had happened to them, and when she paused in the doorway and called, they all came fluttering to her. One by one she touched them with her hands and felt beneath their wings. They were too exactly each like each to distinguish among them, but all of them came tamely to her call, it being her habit to stroke and smooth them as she would. Just as her heart began to sink with disappointment, she noticed one with broken feathers, and her fingers touched something smooth and hard, and lo, there was, indeed, the thing she sought-a tightly folded paper, tied with a small cord under the bird's wing. Her hands trembled us she loosed it, and she hid it hurriedly in her bosom. Then she ran swiftly through the garden paths and back to her own room, where she shut herself in, and taking out the precious paper, pressed it to her lips and then fell upon her knees in prayer. She entreated God most earnestly that the tleags might be good; her heart swelled with praises to His holy name. and her faith was strong in the answer to her prayers, as she opened the pa-

per and read. These were the words: "Most Dear Maiden-It hath pleased the God of Israel to send the hosts of shouldn't women be druggists? An-Jephthah, thy father, a complete and swer me that. Mr. Grumpps-This cotmighty victory, and we be, even now, tage pudding isn't good at all. How upon our way to thee, returning in did you make it? Mrs. Grumpps-I triumph and great thankfulness of took a few handfuls of flour and some heart. Thou will greet me as thy milk and a few eggs-I forget how chosen and sanctioned husband, Namarsh, for thy father hath so commended my bearing in the fight, wherein I was able to render him good service, that he hath promised me that I shall choose my own reward, and I have chosen even the malden Namarah to be my wife. I have even so spoken to thy father, feeling sure that at that moment he would not say me nay, and shake hands with anyone unless wear-

and avowed that I have found favor in his eyes. The white bird will bear to thee those tidings, and before set of sun we shall be with thee. God the slogan of Mr. Chamberlain, THY ADINA."

wherewith a tender virgin loveth, with her soul and heart at once, the youth whose nobleness and virtue command her worship and devotion, and the exceeding joy of this moment wrapped her soul in a great wave of ecstasy, that make the shining of her eyes like the town, blowing up the bridges. It is unto the light of stars. To feel that Adina loved her, he who was unto her her well-beloved father looked with are preparing to trek into Damarafavor on their union was a bliss so land on the approach of the British, great, that almost she felt as if her but that the Hottentot chiefs are getheart within her must burst for very ting ready to bar their escape. joy. As she sat in her chamber alone, and read again and yet again the premessage that the bird had brought, such visions as ever fill the minds of maidens when love is come She saw herself meeting with Adina without the need of concealment and she felt again those arms about her and those kisses on her lips, at the mere memory of which she thrilled. She saw the calm delight upon her beloved father's face, as he blessed her union with Adina, and gazing further yet into the future, she saw herself the happy wife and mother.

toward the west, Namarah called to her maldens, and arrayed herself in garments richly wrought and beautiful, as one that keepeth a great feast. Belmont. Her robe was all of white, embroidered with gold, and the encrusted folds fell heavily about the splendid curves of her most noble figure. In her loosened hair were twisted chains of gold that wrapped it in and out, and made a light and darkness beautiful to see. About her shoulders, which her robe left bare, she wrapped a scarf of golden tissue, through which her gleaming neck and arms shone fair as moonlight seen through sunbeams.

And when the maidens and all the household of Jephthah wondered to see her so adorned, she spake, and said unto them:

"I go to meet my father Jephthah and his host returning from victory. And when they asked her:

"How knowest thou that he hath won the day, and is returning?" She made answer, as the saying was:

"A little bird hath told me." And they knew not how true indeed

were the words she spake. And as the sun sank lower and lower and it began to draw toward evening. behold, there fell upon the ears of Namarah and her maidens the distant sound of tramping horses and anon the notes of a trumpet.

"They be notes of victory; even as thou hast said," spake one of the maidens, while Namarah stood and listened, of her own pets, wandered farther breathless and half troubled, like an than its custom away from home. Yes, image of too perfect joy. And Nama-

I will even go forth to meet them. Whereat her maidens wondered, for it was her custom to await her father so high as that before, and the throb- within the house, a feeling of timidity ever preventing her from appearing looked up and saw it pausing and cir- before the eyes of the soldiers. But cling above her head. Surely she now there showed in all her bearing caught sight of a tiny object, not a a very noble pride, so that she looked feather, between its wing and breast, no longer a shy and trembling maiden, as the bird swooped downward and but a woman and the daughter of a conqueror. There was a most rich hue of roses on her cheeks, and her great eyes blazed and sparkled, so that Namarah looked that day a being of such glorious beauty as none who looked on her had ever seen before.

(To be continued.)

To Keep Glasses On.

"Isn't it strange," said Mr. Burton, while in a reminiscent mood, "how discoveries are made? Of course, that is a general statement, but to the case in question. I wear glasses, as you know, but I found great trouble in keeping them on. They were continually following the laws of gravitation and falling to the floor. The trouble was that I did not have a bridge of size, and I spent money and time experimenting with different kinds of springs and claps and nose pieces, but all proved failures. the other night I had an idea (that's all right, I am guilty of an idea once in a while) that if I would put some powdered rosin on my nose that would hold 'em for a while, so I accordingly hunted up my friend, the violinfst, and, getting some rosin, made a test. Was it a success? Why,I can turn a handspring backward and those glasses are still doing business at the old stand" -Richmond Times.

Parallel Cases.

Mrs. Grumpps-There are thousands of occupations in which men have places which women should fill. Why many-and some sugar, I think, and I believe I added some salt, and maybe some baking powder-don't know how much; I never measure, Mr. Grumpp -That's why .- New York Weekly,

Club of Gloved Bandshakers A club is now being formed in Paris the members of which swear never to

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

Lord Salisbury has at last adopted grant to me, O maiden, that thy heart Boer republics must go." His ascendmay reach forth to mine with the same ancy in the British government is comlove wherewith I feel mine reach to plete. Even Mr. Chamberlain regards thee, as I write these lines, to be held him as the final authority in British in thy dear hands beneath thy dear foreign policy, and would not attempt to push even a pet doctrine to extreme Now, as the maiden Namarah read against the premier's objections. Lord these words, there rose within her so Salisbury enjoys the unchallenged congreat a rapture that her very face did flence of the crown, the government, glow and become radiant with joy. parliament and the nation. The an-For until her eyes had rested on the swer he gave to the Bloemfontein note young man Adina, she had known not asking a definition of the conditions what it was to feel the mighty love upon which peace could be secured expressed his unalterable conviction of the necessities of the case,

The mounted force from Kimberley proceeding to the relief of Mafeking has arrived at Warrenton. As the force neared Windsorton the Boers evacuated reported that the rebels who refused to accompany the Transvallers when eves the very prince of men, and that the latter vacated Taungs and Vryburg

Another plot to free the Boer prisoners at Simonstown was discovered on the 14th. The remarkable quantities of watermelons received by the prisoners aroused comment and an investiga in truth passed like pletures before tion discovered that compromising let ters were contained in the melons, the writers planning the escape of the cap tives. The transports bearing the bulk of the prisoners sailed for St. Helena shortly after the plot was made known to the British officials,

The British troops under Lord Methen have returned to Kimberley from the occupation of Bushof, Orange Free State. Guns and 70,000 rounds of ammunition were selzed and a strong garrison was left to guard the town. Six Now when the sun began to sink Boers were arrested there on charges of treason. Nearly all the residents were wearing mourning, as the Bushof commando lost 200 men at the battle of

> Events have occurred recently which induce some to predict that the war will last only so long as it takes to march to Pretoria. The educated Boers, even the Transvaulers, are eady to accept the inevitable. orps of 2,000 women has been formed. at Pretoria. It is called the Amazon Corps. All the members are uniformed in kilts and are armed.

The German press at Berlin, in comnenting upon the war situation in the Transvaal, says: It would be a justifiable act for the Boers to blow up the mines, since it would prevent the authors of the war, which the whole world has declared criminals, from securing the rewards of victory.

A great popular demonstration took place at Cape Town on receipt of the news that Bloemfontein had been occupied by the British. All the church bells were rung and a procession headed by the union jack, went to the government house, where Sir Alfred Milner made his acknowledgments.

A dispatch from Bloemfontein, dated March 16, says: We are getting rifles surrendered faster than a factory could turn them out. It is q te certain that if a British official can reach the northern laagers with Lord Robert's proclamation, the whole Boer population will declare for peace.

Gen. Pole-Carew's force has returned from Springfontein where a junction was effected with Gen. Gatacre. Gen. Pole-Carew also proceeded to Norval's pont, from which point he hellographed long with us. to Gen. Clements that 1,800 Free Staters had submitted at Edenburg.

The chief of the intelligence department, Molengraaf, announces that the Smarting, Burning, Sweating Boer losses prior to the relief of Kimberly and Ladysmith were: Killed, 677; wounded, 2,129. Accidents, sickness and other disabling causes, he asserts, bring the total to 4,351.

A dispatch from Lord Roberts dated Venters Vlei, March 13, says: Gen. French now occupies two hills close to the railway station at Bloemfontein. A brother of President Steyn has been made a prisoner.

Gen. Sir Geo, S. White, the defender of Ladysmith, is now seriously ill at Cape Town.

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